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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR Serve DC

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Engaging Youth in “Exploring the Past, Present and Future of their Neighborhoods”

K-12 Learn and Serve America Community-Based Grants

Summary: Serve DC announces the availability of K-12 Learn and Serve Community-Based funds **for grants up to \$20,000**. Awards will be made for eligible organizations to support high-quality service-learning projects. Learn and Serve America creates opportunities for youth to serve and help their communities through volunteerism. Proposed projects will allow youth an opportunity to explore the past, present and future of their neighborhoods while serving their communities. Applicants will be encouraged to develop service-learning programs that give youth an opportunity to canvass and map their own communities; research the histories of their neighborhoods; identify community assets and needs in order to develop service learning projects; and find the people, organizations and systems that make their communities stronger such as DC city leaders and various government offices.

Criteria for eligible applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations and local units of government that may provide after-school programming in collaboration with local schools for Community-Based projects. All projects must operate a program within the District of Columbia. Projects that operate in designated Hot Spots will receive extra points toward their application's total score. For Hot Spot locations, please visit www.serve.dc.gov

An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on March 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. **The deadline for submission is May 4, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**

The schedule for technical assistance sessions is as follows: April 12, 2005 and April 20, 2005. All interested applicants are required to register and attend one of the technical assistance sessions. Please prepare by reading the RFA carefully. To RSVP for a training session, contact Christy Venable, National Service Program Officer, at 202-727-7925. Technical Assistance sessions will be posted on our website at www.serve.dc.gov.

The DC Commission on National and Community Service anticipates awarding grants up to \$20,000 for Community-Based grants. The actual number and dollar amount of the awards will depend on the number of approved applications received.

Applications can be obtained from 441 4th Street NW, Suite 1040S, Washington, DC 20001 or downloaded and printed from our website at www.serve.dc.gov. For additional information please contact Rebecca Stewart, Learn and Serve Program Officer, at 202-727-7925.

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